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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJ: TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: GENEVA 5305

- 1. DESPITE REPORT IN REFTEL, GATT SECRETARIAT INTERNALLY SEEMS UNDECIDED ON HOW TO PROCEED ON QUESTION OF WHETHER TEXTILES COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE OCTOBER MEETING, IN VIEW OF IMPASSE BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S ON THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER, DEPUTY D-G PATTERSON CONTINUES FEEL MATTER MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE END JULY 20 TSB SESSION.
- 2. PATTERSON WONDERS ALOUD WHETHER MAJOR INTERESTED COUNTRIES SHOULD GET TOGETHER ON POINT, I.E., US, EC, JAPAN MEET WITH MAJOR LDC'S, PERHAPS JULY 19 OR 20. HE WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH PHELAN AFTER HIS RETURN HERE BEFORE SCHEDULING ANYTHING.
- 3. BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION EVEN IN THIS RESPECT, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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PATTERSON URGES THAT U.S. INDICATE WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN

ANY CHANGE IN OUR POSITION; I.E., WHETHER U.S. CAN AGREE TO A SINGLE MEETING IN NOVEMBER. IN THIS RESPECT, HOLDING REVIEW IN NOVEMBER AT EARLIEST WOULD ENABLE STATISTICAL DATE TO REFLECT EARLY 1976 IMPROVEMENT IN WORLD TEXTILE INDUSTRY. THESE DATE WOULD NOT BE READY UNTIL MID-OCTOBER AT EARLIEST, AND D-G LONG IS INSISTING THAT TEXTILES COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT MEET UNTIL ALL DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN ON HAND IN CAPITALS AT LEAST THREE WEEKS BEFORE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF WHETHER WE CAN TELL PATTERSON THERE HAS BEEN ANY CHANGE IN U.S. POSITION. DALE

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